GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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ELEPHANT REHABILITATION CENTRE
Kodikunnil Shri Suresh

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Kerala has started an elephant rehabilitation centre at Kappukadu;

(b) if so, whether this centre would also function as an eco-tourism destination;

(c) if so, whether the Kerala Government has sought an amount of Rs. 10 crores to implement this project;

(d) if so, whether the Union Government have considered the request of the Kerala Government; and

(e) if so, the time by which the amount is likely to be released for this purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a)to(e)As reported by the State Government , Elephant Rehabilitation Centre at Kappukad has started and would function as an ecotourism destination. The State Government had sought financial assistance to the tune of Rs 63.50 lakh and Rs 65.50 lakh in the year 2008-09 and 2009-10 respectively for the centre from the Central Government under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Project Elephant" . Against the demand , amount of Rs 46.00 lakh and Rs Rs 65.50 lakh was released to the State in the year 2008-09 and 2009-10 respectively.